

In the Claims

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Please amend the claims as follows. Please cancel claims 2, 3 and 4 without prejudice. A
marked up version of the Claims showing the changes made is attached to this communication as
Appendix B.

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

A2 ~~Sub C1~~ 1. (Once amended) A method of producing polyoxytetramethylene glycol by ring-opening-polymerizing tetrahydrofuran in the presence of acetic anhydride and an acid catalyst, wherein said ring opening-polymerization is conducted using acetic anhydride having a diketene concentration of 2 ppm or less to produce polyoxytetramethylene glycol.

A3 ~~Sub C2~~ 3. (Once amended) A method of purifying crude acetic anhydride wherein treatment of an ozone-containing gas is conducted after distilling acetic anhydride containing diketenes.